



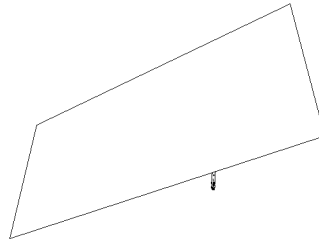
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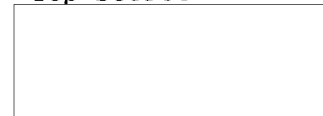
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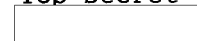
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COSTA RICA: Meeting of Democratic States

The convocation of Foreign Ministers in San Jose on Monday underscores President Monge's resolve to promote democratic regional alignments, but limited participation will reduce the meeting's significance. [redacted]

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Honduras, El Salvador, Belize, Panama, Jamaica, Colombia, and the US have agreed to join Costa Rica to reaffirm their commitment to democratic practices. Guatemala and Nicaragua were not invited because of their failure to schedule elections. Because about the meeting's usefulness--the result of Mexico's refusal to participate and Nicaragua's exclusion--Venezuela and the Dominican Republic refused to come. [redacted]

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Costa Rican Foreign Minister Volio originally planned to keep the meeting informal and its agenda vague. He now intends to advocate a reduction in arms and foreign advisers in the area, international supervision of borders, obstruction of illegal arms traffic, and a US-Nicaraguan dialogue. There are indications he also is likely to push his plan for a "good offices" group to act as an intermediary in regional conflicts, especially the dispute between Honduras and Nicaragua. [redacted]

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Comment: The Costa Ricans apparently hope to use the meeting to increase Nicaragua's isolation. Monge believes Managua is working to undermine democratic governments in the region, particularly his own. [redacted]

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Monge and Volio have long advocated such a regional grouping. Gaining the participation by countries beyond the original three members of the Central American Democratic Community--El Salvador, Honduras, and Costa Rica--is a triumph for Monge. Although a number of these countries share his views toward Nicaragua, the absence of such influential states as Mexico and Venezuela will limit the acceptance of any proposals the group adopts. [redacted]

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GREECE-TURKEY: Foreign Ministers Hold Talks

The Greek and Turkish Foreign Ministers are unlikely to discuss substantive bilateral issues when they meet in Ottawa today, but they probably will agree to future contacts. [REDACTED]

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The meeting is the first formal contact between the two countries since Prime Minister Papandreou broke off formal talks on Aegean issues soon after coming to power in October 1981. Although relations remain cool because of continued bilateral problems such as alleged Turkish violations of Greek airspace, both sides are publicly expressing willingness to abide by their agreement last July for a "moratorium" on provocative statements and actions. [REDACTED]

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Athens almost certainly sees the meeting today as a way of fostering the "moratorium" but is not prepared to negotiate Aegean issues. The Turks, on the other hand, view the meeting as a first step toward resuming formal discussions and probably will push for more substantive talks in the near future. [REDACTED]

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POLAND: Reaction to Trade Union Legislation

Solidarity activists, according to the US Embassy in Warsaw, are undecided on how to react to the impending passage of a new trade union law and the possible dissolution of their union. Although they recognize the regime will not allow them to participate in new unions, they believe a boycott of the unions from the beginning would give a propaganda edge to the authorities.

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Comment: The indecision seems to rule out the likelihood of a coordinated nationwide response to the government's plans.


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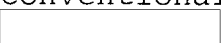
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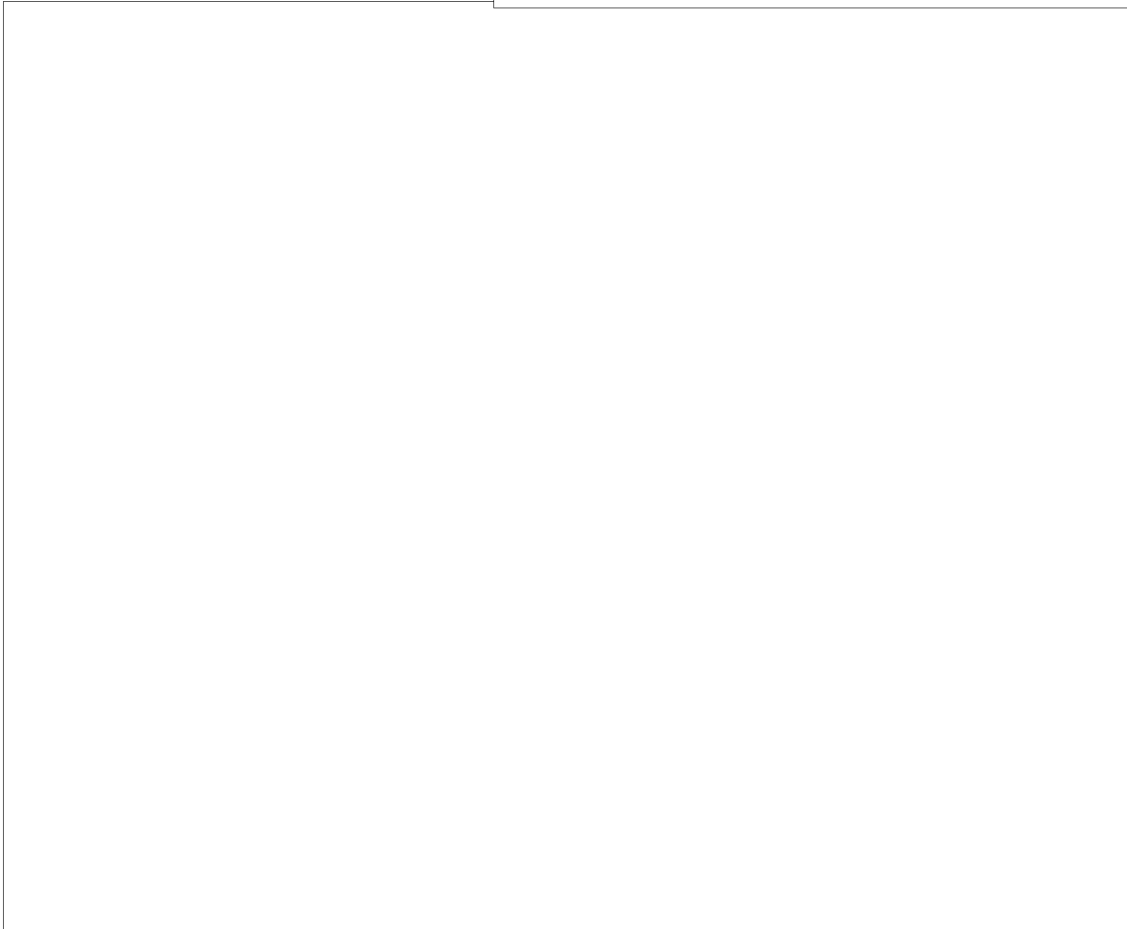
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USSR: Gromyko's UN Speech

The speech contained predictably harsh attacks on US policy but did not have the angry tone of the address he gave last year; it ended with a call for normalizing US-Soviet relations. The centerpiece was a new proposal for a moratorium on all nuclear explosions leading to a treaty on complete prohibition on testing nuclear weapons. Gromyko called on the US to ratify treaties dealing with the threshold test ban and peaceful nuclear explosions and to resume the trilateral US-UK-USSR comprehensive test ban negotiations. He also asked the UN to declare attacks on "peaceful" nuclear facilities with conventional weapons as tantamount to nuclear aggression. 


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Comment: Gromyko's performances at the UN General Assembly usually center on this kind of attention-getting disarmament propaganda. 



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